



# Public Notice

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Please address all comments and inquiries to:

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that two public hearings will be held as follows:

**SUBJECT:** Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on Mountaintop Mining/Valley Fills in Appalachia released by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Office of Surface Mining, and West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.

**DATES:** July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003

**TIMES:** Each of the two public hearings will have two sessions. The first session will be from 2:00pm-5:00pm EST and the second session will be from 7:00pm-11:00pm EST on each day.

### LOCATIONS:

**Hazard, KY July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003**

The Forum at the Hal Rogers Center  
101 Bulldog Lane  
Hazard, KY 41701

**Charleston, WV July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

Charleston Civic Center-Little Theater  
200 Civic Center Drive  
Charleston, WV, 25301

**PURPOSE:** These public hearings are being conducted to allow the public to provide oral comments on the draft EIS. The draft EIS recommends new actions to further enhance protection for Appalachian streams from effects associated with mountaintop coal mining.


**SPECIAL NOTE:** The draft EIS and its associated appendices are posted at the EPA Region III website at:

<http://www.epa.gov/region3/mtntop/index.htm>. Copies can also be viewed at local agency offices and public libraries as indicated in the Distribution List section of the draft EIS. Copies may also be requested by calling the EPA Region III toll free EIS Request Hotline at 1-800-228-8711.

All interested parties, including the officials of any county, city, town, or local associations, whose interest may be affected by this draft EIS, are invited to be present or to be represented at the times and locations listed above.

Oral comments on this draft EIS will be limited to five minutes per speaker. For accuracy of the record, it is recommended that all important factors and arguments should be submitted in writing. The official public comment period for this draft EIS will close on August 29, 2003. Written statements may be presented at the hearing or mailed such that they are received prior to the close of business on August 29, 2003. Written comments should be sent to John Forren, U.S. EPA (3EA30), 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. All statements, both written and oral, will be available for public review.

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